

Application of: *Angelos*
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REMARKS

This amendment is being submitted in response to the Office Action dated 24 February 2004, the time to respond being until 24 May 2004. Claim 21 is herein canceled. Thus, claims 1-20 are pending in the application.

The Examiner objected to the specification, specifically the abstract, as containing legal phraseology. Accordingly, the abstract has been amended to replace the objectionable phraseology. A replacement abstract is attached hereto as a separate sheet.

Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-20.

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In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, and such a Notice is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Replacement abstract presented in clean form:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A transformable truck bed cover that mounts on a pickup truck having an open bed. The cover assembly is transformable in height between a tonneau cover-like configuration and a fully elevated truck cap-like configuration. The cover assembly is also transformable in length between a fully retracted position extending over the open bed only a few inches behind the truck's cab to a fully extended position covering the entire length of the bed. The cover assembly generally comprises two anchoring rails fixedly attached to the sides of the truck bed, and two or more articulated cover support assemblies, extending across the bed, with an attached flexible cover assembly. The support assemblies are pivotally secured to the anchoring rails such that they may be pivoted upward to form a cap-shaped covering. The cover support assemblies are also slidably attached to the anchoring rails such that the flexible cover may be extended or retracted, in an accordion-like fashion, along the truck bed's length. Transformation between any of the various height or length configurations may be accomplished manually or automatically.